THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been some delay in completion of both these projects at Bhawanipatna. The establishment of the 10 KW TV Transmitter got delayed because of non-availability of adequate power and water supply at the site, remoteness of the site and agitations in the area. Similarly, the establishment of Radio station was delayed because of the time taken by the Orissa State Electricity Board in shifting of a 33 KV feeder line passing through the site.

(c) As per the present indications, the TV Transmitter at Bhawanipatna is envisaged to be commissioned during the current year. On the other hand, the Radio Station is envisaged to be technically ready in 1992.

Employment Scheme for Educated and Uneducated Unemployed in Rural Areas

3760. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been formulated by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission to provide employment to the educated and uneducated unemployed persons in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of the unemployed persons benefited thereby so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The working group appointed by the Planning Commission for KVI sector has fixed a target of creating additional employment opportunities to 2.25 million rural artisans by the end of 8th Plan. So far 47.39 lakh persons have been provided employment in the Khadi & Village industries sector under the aegis of the KVIC at the end of the Seventh plan.

[Translation]

Closure of Old Paper Mills

3761. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether very old paper mills set up before independence in the country are either lying closed and some are not working to their full capacities;

(b) if so, the number and names of such mills in each State;

(c) whether the Government propose to take over these mills for modernising them in order to restore their capacities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Details of very old paper mills set up before independence in the country, which are either lying closed or not working to their full capacities, are not available. However, as per available information, 77 paper units, which are not reporting production presently, are listed in the statement attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Name of the Unit*
	West Bengal
1.	M/s. Titagarh Paper Mills Ltd—Mill No. 1
2.	" —Mill No. 2.
3.	M/s. Bengal Paper Mills Co. Ltd.
4.	M/s. Neptune Paper Mills Ltd.